light that members should view the question under discussion and express their considered opinions. It was easy for Government to allow things to drift, but, being responsive to popular demands and wishes, they were anxious to improve matters as far as possible. There was another aspect of the question which the speaker would earnestly ask the members to bear in mind. If the number of pupils in a class was too large for a teacher to manage, he would also become indifferent to his work and the pupils would not be able to derive the best use of the class. Naturally therefore the parents would have to arrange for private tuition at home and this would tax them needlessly. If on the other hand the classes were not unwieldy, the teachers would be able to pay a certain amount of attention to every pupil and there would be no need for the parents to worry about their children's education. Thus it would make for real economy in every household if the levy of fees was agreed to, as a means not only of adding to the number of schools where these were needed but also of ensuring that the classes would in future be reasonable in size in the schools already in existence.

In the light of the foregoing considerations and in the best interests of the education of the coming generations, the speaker requested the members, both as Member in charge of the educational portfolio and as Chairman of the Elementary Education Committee, to take a liberal view of the question and not expect middle school education to be free for all time to come, merely as a matter of privilege or as a concession to which they were long accustomed.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA, while appreciating the point of view of Government, had his own doubts whether expansion of primary education would be a *fait accompli* even after fees were levied in all the middle schools. Personally he feared that the only result of it would be that the school-going population would decrease. He was therefore not in favour of the levy of fees, and pressed the adjournment motion to division.

The motion was put to vote and passed by a majority.

The House adjourned at 5-55 p.m., to meet again at 8 a.m., the following day.

EIGHTH DAY.

Tuesday, 24th October 1939.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Tuesday, 24th October 1939, at 8 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

Felicitations to Recipients of Durbar Honours.

Before the business for the day was taken up, **Mr. L. VEMA REDDY** requested permission of the President to express the felicitations of the House to the following ladies and gentlemen who were recipients of the titles noted against their names, at the hands of His Highness the Maharaja, at the Durbar held the previous night :—

Mr. K. V. Anantaraman, Second Member of Council.	"Rajamantrapravina"
Mr. S. Abdul Wajid, Revenue Commissioner.	"Rukn-ul-Mulk"
Srimathi D. Sakamma, Member, Representative Assembly.	"Lokasevaparayane"

Srimathi K. D. Rukminiamma, "Lokasevaparayane"
Member, Representative Assembly.

He added that these ladies and gentlemen, by their qualities of head and heart and by their services to the State and the public, had earned not only the gratitude of the people at large but also the appreciation of His Highness the Maharaja. He wished them long life, prosperity and happiness.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA also expressed congratulations to the title-holders referred to above as well as to the following gentlemen who were long connected with public life in the State and who also received the titles indicated against their names, at the previous night's Durbar:—

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, "Rajasevasakta"
Advocate, Seringapatam.
Mr. Dodde Gowda, "Lokasevaniratha"
Member, Representative Assembly, Kadaba.
Mr. M. S. Dyave Gowda, "Lokasevaniratha"
Member, Legislative Council, Chikmagalur.

Messrs D. VENKATARAMANAPPA, MAYI GOWDA, S. SORAPPA, Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA, S. C. MALLIAH, K. VENKATARAMIAH, ABDUL RASOOL SAB, JATHARE NAIK and NAWAB SHER KHAN associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers congratulating the several recipients of distinctions.

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman) said that he was deeply touched by the kind sentiments expressed by the members of the House and thanked them for the same.

Lokasevaparayane K. D. RUKMINIAMMA and **Lokasevaparayane D. SAKAMMA** and **Lokasevaniratha DODDE GOWDA** also thanked the members for the nice words they had spoken about them and the felicitations they had expressed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*concld.*

Pendency of Civil Court Decrees *re.* Partition of Estates.

Q.—19. **Mr. BALE GOWDA (Kunigal Taluk).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state the number of decrees received from the Civil Courts for the partition of estates that are pending for over three months in each district?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. Subrahmanya Aiyar).**—

	Districts.	*No. pending for over 3 months.*	
1.	Bangalore	... 8	
2.	Kolar	... 2	21
3.	Tumkur	... 11	
4.	Mysore	... 1	
5.	Mandya	... 2	6
6.	Hassan	... 3	
7.	Shimoga	... 4	
8.	Kadur	... 3	10
9.	Chitaldrug	... 3	
	Total	...	37

Mr. BALE GOWDA.— Are the Government aware that some of the cases are pending disposal for two years and more?

The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevaprasaktha B. T. Kesavaiengar).—No.

Mr. BALE GOWDA.— If such instances are brought to notice, will action be taken to expedite their disposal?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If instances are brought to notice, needful enquiries will be made.

Management of Provincial Toll-Gates.

Q.—22. **Mr. C. V. RAMAN (Chamarajnagar Municipality).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that all the Provincial toll-gates in the State are worked departmentally;

(*b*) if so, whether they are realising the same average income as they were getting when the toll-gates were being let out on contract;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that there is leakage of toll revenue and consequent loss to Government in certain gates managed by Government?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. Subrahmanya Aiyar).—

(*a*) It is not a fact that all of them are being worked departmentally.

(*b*) The income has increased under the departmental system.

(*c*) No such instance has come to notice.

Mr. C. V. RAMAN.— If the income has increased under the departmental system, why not all the toll-gates be worked departmentally?

The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevaprasaktha B. T. Kesavalengar).—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. C. V. RAMAN.—Is it not a fact that some of the gates are so situated that they cannot easily be inspected by higher officers?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There is no reason to think so.

Mr. C. V. RAMAN.—What is the principle underlying this system of working some gates departmentally and some others on contract basis?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It will be in the best interests of the general public that both the systems are followed.

Mr. C. V. RAMAN.—Is there any serious objection to working all the gates departmentally?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No. On the other hand, it would be convenient if all gates are worked departmentally.

Muslims in the Tutorial Staff of the University and the High Schools.

Q.—73. Mr. Khaji SYED YUSUF SAHIB (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers (other than those teaching oriental languages) in the various University Colleges in the State, and the number and percentage of Muslims among them;

(*b*) the number of Assistant Teachers in the Government High Schools and the number and percentage of Muslims among them?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

(*a*)—

Professors	...	27
Assistant Professors	...	43
Lecturers	...	107

There is no Muslim Officer on this staff.

(*b*)—

Assistant Teachers in Government High Schools.		201
Muslim Teachers	...	7
Percentage of Muslims	...	3·5

Mr. Khaji SYED YUSUF SAHIB.—Seeing that there is not even one Muslim Officer on the teaching staff of the University, will the Government be pleased to give preference to any qualified Muslim who may apply in future?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—If competent men apply, their claims will be considered.

Mr. Khaji SYED YUSUF SAHIB.—Do the Government recognise the principle of communal representation with regard to the appointment of Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Communal claims will be considered wherever possible along with merit.

Eradicating Malaria Epidemic in the Irwin Canal Area.

Q.—33. Messrs. K. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO (Mandya Municipality) and B. CHAMIAH (Seringapatam Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of villages which are irrigated by the Irwin Canal and its channels;